SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Insert on page 1, between the Title and the heading "Field of the Invention" the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This Application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/288,689, filed November 5, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. , which, in turn, was a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application 09/691,310 filed October 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,503,581.

Amend Paragraph 6 on page 17 as follows:

An optically anisotropic film ~~in which regarding~~ wherein luminescent points which are observed when two polarizing plates are provided on both surfaces of a cellulose ester film support so as to shield transmission light, the number of said points having a size exceeding 50 μm is zero per 250 mm^2, and the number of said points having a size of 5 to 50 μm is 200 or less per 250 mm^2.

Insert on page 18, between the first and second paragraphs, the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 is a schematic view of a liquid crystal display.

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 20 and 21 as follows.

The substitution degree as described herein means the percentage of the amount of a so-called combined fatty acid, and preferably an average number of acyl groups bonding to one glucose unit in cellulose. The Dsac is determined based on the measurement as well as the calculation of acetylation degree in ASTM-D817-91 (Test Method of Cellulose Acetate and the like. DSpr can be determined based on ASTM-D814-96. Further, the retardation value (RT) in the ~~thickens~~ thickness direction of a fatty acid cellulose ester film is a positive value, and is between 60 and 300 nm. Further, it is possible to obtain Rt employing the formula described below:

Formula 1

$$Rt = [(nx + ny)/2 - nz] \times d$$

wherein nx represents the refractive index of a cellulose ester film in the maximum refractive index direction in the plane of a fatty acid cellulose ester film; ny represents the refractive index of a fatty acid cellulose ester film in the vertical direction with respect to the nx direction; nz represents the refractive index of a fatty acid cellulose ester film in the thickness direction; and d (in nm) represents the thickness of a fatty acid cellulose ester film.

Claims	Support in the Specification
35	Page 14, second paragraph
36	Page 43, paragraph No. 2
37	Page 18, first paragraph
	Pages 12-13, bridging paragraph
	Page 17, sixth paragraph
41, 45, 48	Page 43, paragraph No. 3.

Additional amendments have been made to the Specification. These amendments are the same and were made in the parent cases, namely, to correct some typographical errors. Also, a cross reference has been made to the parent Applications in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 120. It is understood that the Examiner will be checking the parent cases for the prior art which has been cited therein, thus, no specific filing of the same prior art need be made herein.

PTO Form 2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing payment of the appropriate filing fee. Should any further fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition,

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Respectfully submitted,

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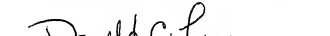
By: 

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